

**U.S. District Court
California Northern District (San Francisco)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:18-cv-03472-JCS**

Sierra Club v. United States Environmental Protection Agency
Assigned to: Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/11/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/11/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT (Freedom of Information Act Case); against United States Environmental Protection Agency (Filing fee \$ 400, receipt number 0971-12426502.). Filed by Sierra Club. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Issod, Andrea) (Filed on 6/11/2018) Modified on 6/12/2018 (aaaS, COURT STAFF). (Entered: 06/11/2018)
06/11/2018	<u>2</u>	Proposed Summons. (Issod, Andrea) (Filed on 6/11/2018) (Entered: 06/11/2018)
06/11/2018	<u>3</u>	Certificate of Interested Entities by Sierra Club (Issod, Andrea) (Filed on 6/11/2018) (Entered: 06/11/2018)
06/12/2018	<u>4</u>	Case assigned to Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte. Counsel for plaintiff or the removing party is responsible for serving the Complaint or Notice of Removal, Summons and the assigned judge's standing orders and all other new case documents upon the opposing parties. For information, visit <i>E-Filing A New Civil Case</i> at http://cand.uscourts.gov/ecf/caseopening . Standing orders can be downloaded from the court's web page at www.cand.uscourts.gov/judges . Upon receipt, the summons will be issued and returned electronically. Counsel is required to send chambers a copy of the initiating documents pursuant to L.R. 5-1(e)(7). A scheduling order will be sent by Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) within two business days. Consent/Declination due by 6/26/2018. (jmlS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 6/12/2018) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
06/12/2018	<u>5</u>	Initial Case Management Scheduling Order with ADR Deadlines: Signed by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte on 6/12/18. (aaaS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 6/12/2018) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
06/12/2018	<u>6</u>	Summons Issued as to United States Environmental Protection Agency. (aaaS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 6/12/2018) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
06/12/2018		Set Deadlines/Hearings: Case Management Statement due by 9/4/2018. <u>5</u> Initial Case Management Conference set for 9/11/2018 10:00 AM. (aaa, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 6/12/2018) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
06/14/2018	<u>7</u>	CONSENT/DECLINATION to Proceed Before a US Magistrate Judge by Sierra Club.. (Issod, Andrea) (Filed on 6/14/2018) (Entered: 06/14/2018)
06/20/2018	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Elena Kathryn Saxonhouse (Saxonhouse, Elena) (Filed on 6/20/2018) (Entered: 06/20/2018)
06/20/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marta R. Darby (Darby, Marta) (Filed on 6/20/2018) (Entered: 06/20/2018)
06/25/2018	<u>10</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed (FOIA) by Sierra Club. United States Environmental Protection Agency served on 6/18/2018, answer due 7/18/2018. (Issod, Andrea) (Filed on 6/25/2018) (Entered: 06/25/2018)
07/05/2018	<u>11</u>	CLERK'S NOTICE: The Initial Case Management Conference is rescheduled to 9/11/2018 at 3:00 PM in San Francisco, Courtroom E, 15th Floor before Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte. <i>(This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.)</i> (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 7/5/2018) (Entered: 07/05/2018)
07/23/2018	<u>12</u>	STIPULATION <i>Re Filing of First Amended Complaint</i> filed by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Garbers, Wendy) (Filed on 7/23/2018) (Entered: 07/23/2018)

07/23/2018	<u>13</u>	FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT (Freedom of Information Act Case); by Sierra Club. (Issod, Andrea) (Filed on 7/23/2018) Modified on 7/24/2018 (aaaS, COURT STAFF). (Entered: 07/23/2018)
07/23/2018		<u>Electronic filing error</u> . Incorrect event used. [err101]Corrected by Clerk's Office. No further action is necessary. Re: <u>13</u> Amended Document filed by Sierra Club Correct Event is Amended Complaint not Amended Document . (aaaS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 7/23/2018) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
08/17/2018	<u>14</u>	ANSWER TO <u>13</u> FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT; by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Garbers, Wendy) (Filed on 8/17/2018) Modified on 8/20/2018 (aaaS, COURT STAFF). (Entered: 08/17/2018)
08/21/2018	<u>15</u>	CLERK'S NOTICE TO DEFENDANT Re: Consent or Declination. Defendant shall file a consent or declination to proceed before a magistrate judge by September 4, 2018. Note that any party is free to withhold consent to proceed before a magistrate judge without adverse substantive consequences. The forms are available at: http://cand.uscourts.gov/civilforms . (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 8/21/2018) (Entered: 08/21/2018)
08/21/2018	<u>16</u>	ADR Certification (ADR L.R. 3–5 b) of discussion of ADR options (Darby, Marta) (Filed on 8/21/2018) (Entered: 08/21/2018)
08/28/2018	<u>17</u>	CONSENT/DECLINATION to Proceed Before a US Magistrate Judge by United States Environmental Protection Agency.. (Garbers, Wendy) (Filed on 8/28/2018) (Entered: 08/28/2018)
08/28/2018	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of Substitution of Counsel by Adrienne Zack (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 8/28/2018) (Entered: 08/28/2018)
08/30/2018	<u>19</u>	<i>Joint Stipulation to Continue Case Management Conference and [Proposed] Order</i> filed by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 8/30/2018) (Entered: 08/30/2018)
08/30/2018	<u>20</u>	ORDER granting Stipulation to Continue Initial Case Management Conference signed by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte: granting <u>19</u> Stipulation. (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 8/30/2018) (Entered: 08/30/2018)
09/24/2018	<u>21</u>	MOTION to Appear by Telephone filed by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 9/24/2018) (Entered: 09/24/2018)
09/25/2018	<u>22</u>	ADR Certification (ADR L.R. 3–5 b) of discussion of ADR options (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 9/25/2018) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/25/2018	<u>23</u>	JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT filed by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 9/25/2018) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/27/2018	<u>24</u>	ORDER granting Motion to Appear by Telephone signed by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte: granting <u>21</u> Motion. (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 9/27/2018) (Entered: 09/27/2018)
10/02/2018	25	<p>Minute Entry for case management conference held on 10/2/2018 before Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte. On or before 10/16/2018, the parties shall file a written update regarding the issues discussed at the hearing. A further case management conference is set for 10/23/2018 before Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte.</p> <p>FTR Time: 10:12 – 10:19</p> <p>Plaintiff Attorneys: Martha Darby and Elena Saxonhouse</p> <p>Defendant Attorney: Adriene Zack (telephonic appearance)</p> <p><i>(This is a text–only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.)</i> (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Date Filed: 10/2/2018) (Entered: 10/04/2018)</p>

10/16/2018	<u>26</u>	JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT – <i>Updated</i> filed by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 10/16/2018) (Entered: 10/16/2018)
10/18/2018	<u>27</u>	ORDER Re Updated Joint Case Management Statement by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte. (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 10/18/2018) (Entered: 10/18/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>28</u>	JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT – <i>Updated</i> filed by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 10/23/2018) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
10/23/2018	29	Minute Entry for further case management conference held on 10/23/2018 before Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte. Discussion held regarding whether to set a schedule for rolling production and Plaintiff to file motion regarding that issue. FTR Time: 10:07 – 10:14 Plaintiff Attorneys: Marta Darby and Elena Saxonhouse Defendant Attorney: Adrienne Zack (<i>This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.</i>) (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Date Filed: 10/23/2018) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
11/01/2018	<u>30</u>	STIPULATION WITH PROPOSED ORDER filed by Sierra Club. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Darby, Marta) (Filed on 11/1/2018) (Entered: 11/01/2018)
11/01/2018	<u>31</u>	STIPULATION AND ORDER Setting Briefing Schedule signed by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte: granting <u>30</u> Stipulation. (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 11/1/2018) (Entered: 11/01/2018)
11/09/2018	<u>32</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by Sierra Club. Motion Hearing set for 12/18/2018 09:00 AM in San Francisco, Courtroom E, 15th Floor before Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte. Responses due by 11/28/2018. Replies due by 12/4/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Table of Exhibits, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Abell Declaration, # <u>4</u> Exhibit Chamberlain Declaration, # <u>5</u> Exhibit Darby Declaration, # <u>6</u> Exhibit Saxonhouse Declaration, # <u>7</u> Exhibit Exhibit E, # <u>8</u> Exhibit Exhibit F, # <u>9</u> Exhibit Exhibit G, # <u>10</u> Exhibit Exhibit H, # <u>11</u> Exhibit Exhibit I)(Darby, Marta) (Filed on 11/9/2018) (Entered: 11/09/2018)
11/28/2018	33	CLERK'S NOTICE: The parties are hereby notified that the hearing on the motion for summary judgment is rescheduled to 12/20/2018 at 9:30 AM in San Francisco, Courtroom E, 15th Floor before Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte. (<i>This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.</i>) (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 11/28/2018) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>34</u>	OPPOSITION/RESPONSE (re <u>32</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment) filed byUnited States Environmental Protection Agency. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Brian Hope)(Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 11/28/2018) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
12/04/2018	<u>35</u>	REPLY (re <u>32</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment) filed bySierra Club. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Declaration)(Saxonhouse, Elena) (Filed on 12/4/2018) (Entered: 12/04/2018)
12/11/2018	<u>36</u>	NOTICE by United States Environmental Protection Agency of <i>Filing of Supplemental Declaration</i> (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 12/11/2018) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
12/11/2018	<u>37</u>	Declaration of Brian Hope in Support of <u>34</u> Opposition/Response to Motion – <i>Supplemental</i> filed byUnited States Environmental Protection Agency. (Related document(s) <u>34</u>) (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 12/11/2018) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
12/20/2018	38	Minute Entry for proceedings held on 12/20/2018 before Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte regarding the motion for summary judgment. Hearing held. The parties shall meet and confer and submit a written update to the Court by 1/9/2019. The aforementioned update shall include agreements made between the parties and competing proposals if any disputes remain unresolved.

		<p>FTR Time: 10:04 – 10:30</p> <p>Plaintiff Attorneys: Elena Saxonhouse and Marta Darby</p> <p>Defendant Attorney: Adrienne Zack</p> <p><i>(This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.)</i> (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Date Filed: 12/20/2018) (Entered: 12/21/2018)</p>
12/26/2018	<u>39</u>	ORDER Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and Addressing the Production Schedule by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte: granting <u>32</u> Motion. (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 12/26/2018) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
12/27/2018	<u>40</u>	ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION to Stay Deadline to Meet and Confer and File Update filed by United States Environmental Protection Agency. Responses due by 12/31/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Adrienne Zack, # <u>2</u> Proposed Order)(Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 12/27/2018) (Entered: 12/27/2018)
12/28/2018	<u>41</u>	OPPOSITION/RESPONSE (re <u>40</u> ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION to Stay Deadline to Meet and Confer and File Update) filed bySierra Club. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order Plaintiff's Proposed Order)(Saxonhouse, Elena) (Filed on 12/28/2018) (Entered: 12/28/2018)
01/02/2019	<u>42</u>	ORDER on Defendant's Administrative Motion to Stay Deadline to Meet and Confer and File Update signed by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte. (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 1/2/2019) (Entered: 01/02/2019)
01/15/2019	<u>43</u>	ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION To Lift Stay re <u>42</u> Order filed by Sierra Club. Responses due by 1/22/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Proposed Order)(Saxonhouse, Elena) (Filed on 1/15/2019) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/15/2019	<u>44</u>	ORDER Re: Plaintiff's Administrative Motion to Lift Stay by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte. (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 1/15/2019) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/16/2019	<u>45</u>	OPPOSITION/RESPONSE (re <u>43</u> ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION To Lift Stay re <u>42</u> Order) filed byUnited States Environmental Protection Agency. (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 1/16/2019) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/16/2019	<u>46</u>	Proposed Order re <u>45</u> Opposition/Response to Motion by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 1/16/2019) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/16/2019	<u>47</u>	ORDER Granting Plaintiff's Administrative Motion to Lift Stay signed by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte: granting as modified <u>43</u> Administrative Motion. (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 1/16/2019) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/22/2019	<u>48</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>JOINT STATUS UPDATE ON DOCUMENT PRODUCTION SCHEDULE</i> by Sierra Club. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> ERRONEOUSLY E-FILED: PLEASE SEE DOCKET NUMBER 49 FOR THE CORRECTION Proposed Order)(Darby, Marta) (Filed on 1/22/2019) Modified on 1/23/2019 (aaaS, COURT STAFF). (Entered: 01/22/2019)
01/23/2019	<u>49</u>	Proposed Order re <u>48</u> Status Report <i>CORRECTION of Dkt. No. 48-1</i> by Sierra Club. (Darby, Marta) (Filed on 1/23/2019) (Entered: 01/23/2019)
01/23/2019	<u>50</u>	ORDER Setting Document Production Schedule for Tier One and Tier Two Documents signed by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte. (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 1/23/2019) (Entered: 01/23/2019)
02/21/2019	<u>51</u>	NOTICE of Change In Counsel by Marta R. Darby (Darby, Marta) (Filed on 2/21/2019) (Entered: 02/21/2019)
03/19/2019	<u>52</u>	STIPULATION WITH PROPOSED ORDER <i>Regarding Document Production Schedule and Joint Status Update</i> filed by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 3/19/2019) (Entered: 03/19/2019)

03/20/2019	<u>53</u>	ORDER granting Stipulation on Document Production Schedule signed by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte: granting <u>52</u> Stipulation. (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 3/20/2019) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>54</u>	JOINT STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] ORDER <i>to Modify Production Schedule</i> filed by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 5/8/2019) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>55</u>	Order by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte granting <u>54</u> Joint Stipulation to Modify Production Schedule. (mllS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 5/8/2019) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>56</u>	JOINT STATUS UPDATE AND STIPULATION ON DOCUMENT PRODUCTION SCHEDULE WITH [PROPOSED] ORDER; by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 7/1/2019) Modified on 7/2/2019 (aaaS, COURT STAFF). (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/01/2019		<u>Electronic filing error</u> . Incorrect event used. [err101]Corrected by Clerk's Office. No further action is necessary. Re: <u>56</u> STIPULATION WITH PROPOSED ORDER filed by United States Environmental Protection Agency The Correct Event is Stipulation & Proposed Order not Status Report (aaaS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 7/1/2019) (Entered: 07/02/2019)
07/02/2019	<u>57</u>	ORDER directed parties to file a further status report by 9/6/2019 signed by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte: granting <u>56</u> Stipulation. (shyS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 7/2/2019) (Entered: 07/02/2019)
09/06/2019	<u>58</u>	STIPULATION WITH PROPOSED ORDER <i>and Status Update</i> filed by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 9/6/2019) (Entered: 09/06/2019)
09/09/2019	<u>59</u>	Order by Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte granting <u>58</u> Stipulation and Status Update. Further Status Report due by 11/1/2019.(tmiS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 9/9/2019) (Entered: 09/09/2019)
10/28/2019	<u>60</u>	ORDER REASSIGNING CASE. Signed by the Clerk on 10/28/2019. (ecgS COURT STAFF) (Filed on 10/28/2019) (Entered: 10/28/2019)
10/28/2019		Case Reassigned to Judge Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero. Judge Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte no longer assigned to the case. (ecgS-adi, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 10/28/2019) (Entered: 10/28/2019)
10/31/2019	<u>61</u>	STIPULATION WITH PROPOSED ORDER <i>and Status Update</i> filed by United States Environmental Protection Agency. (Zack, Adrienne) (Filed on 10/31/2019) (Entered: 10/31/2019)
11/07/2019	<u>62</u>	CLERK'S NOTICE SETTING INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE. <i>(This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.)</i> Initial Case Management Conference set for 11/15/2019 02:00 PM in San Francisco, Courtroom G, 15th Floor before Chief Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero. (klhS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 11/7/2019) (Entered: 11/07/2019)
11/08/2019	<u>63</u>	MOTION to Appear by Telephone filed by Sierra Club. (Issod, Andrea) (Filed on 11/8/2019) (Entered: 11/08/2019)
11/12/2019	<u>64</u>	Order, signed as modified on 11/12/19, by Chief Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero granting <u>63</u> Motion to Appear by Telephone for Andrea Issod on 11/15/19 at 2:00 PM.(klhS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 11/12/2019) (Entered: 11/12/2019)
11/18/2019	<u>65</u>	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero: Initial Case Management Conference held on 11/15/2019. Case Management Statement due by 2/21/2020. Further Case Management Conference set for 2/28/2020 02:00 PM in San Francisco, Courtroom F, 15th Floor. FTR Time: Not Reported. Plaintiff Attorney: Andrea Issod (CourtCall). Defendant Attorney: Adrienne Zack.

		(klhS, COURT STAFF) (Date Filed: 11/18/2019) (Entered: 11/18/2019)
11/18/2019	<u>66</u>	Order, signed 11/18/19, by Chief Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero granting <u>61</u> Stipulation to file further status report. Status Report due by 7/31/2020.(klhS, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 11/18/2019) (Entered: 11/18/2019)